

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR
THE LAHONTAN REGION

**Removal of the Municipal and Domestic
Supply (MUN) Beneficial Use Designation
from Surface Waters of Owens Lake,
Inyo County**

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Amendments are proposed to pages 2-26 and 2-28 of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region* (Basin Plan). The amendments would change Table 2.1 “Beneficial Uses of Surface Waters of the Lahontan Region” by removing the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) beneficial use designation from surface waters of Owens Lake. The amendments would also replace the existing row for “Owens Lake Wetlands” on page 2-26 with two new rows (“Owens Lake Wetlands Below 3600 Feet” and “Owens Lake Wetlands Above 3600 Feet”) on page 2-28. The changes in the wetland entries are meant to clarify that, if the plan amendments are approved, the MUN use will not apply to wetlands and other surface waters below the historic shoreline of Owens Lake (approximately 3600 feet elevation).



The proposed changes to pages 2-26 and 2-28 of Table 2-1 are shown below. Proposed deletions from the table are shown in strikeout format, and proposed additions are underlined. Vertical lines in the margins indicate rows where changes were made in the text of the table. For clarity, only entries for Hydrologic Unit (HU) No. 603.30 on pages 2-26 and 2-28 are shown. The only regulatory changes proposed in Table 2-1 are those described in the first paragraph above. If there are typographical errors in any other parts of the following table, they are not meant to imply any proposed changes, regulatory or editorial, in the Basin Plan.

Proposed changes to Basin Plan page 2-26:

TABLE 2-1. BENEFICIAL USES OF SURFACE WATERS OR THE LAHONTAN REGION

Unless otherwise specified, beneficial uses also apply to all tributaries of surface waters identified in Table 2-1.

HU No.	HYDROLOGIC UNIT/SUBUNIT DRAINAGE FEATURE	WATERBODY CLASS MODIFIER	BENEFICIAL USES																								RECEIVING WATER
			M U N	A G R	P R O	I N D	G W R	F R S H	N A V	P O W	R E C - 1	R E C - 2	C O M M	A Q U A	W A R M	C O L D	S A L	W I L D	B I O L	R A R E	M I G R	S P W N	W Q E	F L D			
603.20	UPPER OWENS HA (continued)																										
603.30	LOWER OWENS RIVER HYDROLOGIC AREA																										
	OWENS RIVER WETLANDS	WETLANDS	X	X			X				X	X			X	X		X			X		X	X			
	OWENS RIVER (BELOW TINEMAHA RESERVOIR)	CONTROLLED RIVER	X	X			X				X	X	X			X		X		X		X			HAIWEE RES/VIA L.A. AQUEDUCT		
	OWENS RIVER (BELOW INTAKE DAM)	EPHEMERAL STREAM	X	X			X	X			X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X			OWENS LAKE		

Proposed changes to Basin Plan page 2-28:

TABLE 2-1. BENEFICIAL USES OF SURFACE WATERS OR THE LAHONTAN REGION

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HU No.	HYDROLOGIC UNIT/SUBUNIT DRAINAGE FEATURE	WATERBODY CLASS MODIFIER	BENEFICIAL USES																				RECEIVING WATER	
			M U N	A G R	P R O	I N D	G W R	F R S H	N A V	P O W	R E C - 1	R E C - 2	C O M	A Q U A	W A R M	C O L D	S A L	W I L D	B I O L	R A E	M I G R	S P W N		W Q E
603.30	LOWER OWENS HA (continued)																							
	OWENS LAKE	INTERMITTENT LAKE								X	X	X		X	X	X	X							INTERNALLY DRAINED LAKE
	OWENS LAKE WETLANDS BELOW 3600 FEET	WETLANDS		X			X			X	X			X	X		X					X	X	OWENS LAKE
	OWENS LAKE WETLANDS ABOVE 3600 FEET	WETLANDS	X	X			X			X	X			X	X		X					X	X	OWENS LAKE
	MINOR SURFACE WATERS		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		X	X		X		X		X			
	MINOR WETLANDS	SPRINGS/SEEPS/ EMERGENT MARSHES	X	X			X	X			X	X	X		X	X		X					X	X